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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventors: Stephen G. Schaible et al.

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TRANSPARENT SHAFT**

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension for filing a reply in the above-identified application. Applicants' Amendment and Response is submitted herewith. The requisite fee of \$110 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fee or credit any over-payment to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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